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CIA Aide's Body Sought; Wife Okay

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Mrs. James A. Woodbury, 32, who leaped into the Potomac River above Great Falls Saturday afternoon with her husband, a CIA employee, was reported in satisfactory condition today at the Washington Hospital Center.

Hospital officials refused to comment further on the condition of Mrs. Woodbury, mother of two who lived at 1412 N. Hartford St., Arlington.

RESCUE workers from Maryland and Virginia volunteer fire departments, aided by an Air Force helicopter, conducted an intensive search of the Potomac River along a five-mile stretch Saturday and Sunday in a futile attempt to recover the body of Mr. Woodbury, a Central Intelligence Agency analyst since 1951.

Witnesses to the tragedy said the couple was sitting on a rock about 300 feet above the falls shortly before 2 p.m. when they apparently jumped 30 feet into the river.

Mrs. Woodbury, a strawberry

blonde, was wearing a pink blouse and dark skirt when rescuers helped her ashore at a point below the falls.

"They wanted to put him in a psycho ward and we figured it best to do away with ourselves," she reportedly told police.

RESCUERS kept a close watch on Mrs. Woodbury and prevented her from returning to the river as they waited for an ambulance to take the distraught wife to a hospital. Police said they found no suicide notes, but will consider Mr. Woodbury's death an apparent suicide.

Woodbury has two brothers and an uncle residing in the Washington area. The brothers are Wendell Woodbury, of 417 S. Lee St., Alexandria, and Maynard B. Woodbury, of 4519 S. 31st St., Arlington. The uncle, George Woodbury, lives in Silver Spring, Md.

CIA officials declined comment on the motivation for the death leap. The couple wed in 1948.

Wendell Woodbury took both

sons, Jeremy, 10, and Parish, 8, to his home Saturday night. The boys are students at Page School, Arlington.

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